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AN ORDINANCE OF The Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT;

For the better Raising, Leavying, AND Impresting of Mariners Saylers, and others:

For the present Guarding of the Seas, and necessary Defence of the Realm, and other His Majesties Dominions.

Jan. 12. 1643.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and published:

H: Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Printed for *L. Blaiklock*. Ian. 14.

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WHereas both Houſes of Parliament have appointed a competent number of Ships to continue out this Winter, and intend to ſet forth a great Fleet this enſuing Spring, for guard of the narrow Seas, preſervation of Trade, and for the neceſſary Defence of this Kingdome, and other His Majeſties Dominions, which at this time is of as great neceſsity as ever; conſidering not only the home-bred diſtractions of this Kingdom, and of *Ireland*; but the great preparati-

ons which are making already in Forreigne parts, in aid & incouragement of the Papists & ill-affected party amongst our selves, now up in armes against the Parliament: And whereas there is occasion as well at present as hereafter will be for Pressing of Marriners for the said Service;

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That the Lord High Admirall of *England* appointed by both Houses of Parliament, shall, and may at any time or times, from the first day of January 1643. to the first day of January 1644. by himself, his Commissioner or Commissioners, Officer or Officers, or any of them, Raise, Leavy, and Impresse, such, and so many Marriners, Saylers, Watermen, Chirurgeons, Gunners, Ship-Carpenters, Caukers, and Whoymen, as also Carre-men for carriage of victualls &c. as shall be requisite and necessary for the service aforesaid, or for any such further defence of this Realm, or any other of His Majesties Dominions: Which said Marriners, Saylers, and other such

ſuch Perſons ſo to be leayyed, and impreſſed as aforeſaid, and every of them ſhall have paid & delivered unto him upō ſuch his Impreſſing, by the perſon that ſhall ſo Impreſſe him for Conduct money, for every Mile from the place where he ſhall be ſo Impreſt to the Ship or place where he ſhall be appointed to make his repair the ſum of One Penny to each man, and the like ſum of one penny for every mile from the place of his diſcharge unto the place of his abode, and ſhall be allowed for this ſervice the ſame wages and entertainment, in all reſpects which hath bin allowed by the Parliament this laſt yeer to any ſuch perſon or perſons imployed in the aforeſaid ſervice.

And if any Matriner, Sayler, Waterman, Chirurgeon, Gunner, Ship-Carpenter, Cauker, Whoyman, or Carman, ſhall willfully refuſe to be Impreſſed in, or for the ſaid ſervice, or ſhall voluntarily hide, or abſent himſelf at the time of ſuch Preſſe to avoyd the ſaid ſervice, or receiving his ſaid Conduct monies, do not appear at ſuch places and

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times, as by his Ticket he is appointed; That then any ſuch perſon ſo offending ſhall ſuffer impriſonment for the ſpace of three moneths without Bayle or Main-prize: Provided alwayes, and be it Ordained, that no money or other reward ſhall be taken, or any corrupt practiſe uſed by any the perſons authorized by this Ordinance, in or for the Preſſing, changing, ſparing, or diſcharging of any perſon or perſons to be Impreſt as aforeſaid, as they will anſwer ſuch offence in Parliament; And all Deputy-Lieutenants, Majors, Bayliffs, Conſtables, and all other inferior officers are hereby required and enjoyned to be aiding and aſsiſting from time to time, to the perſons authorized by this Ordinance, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; Provided alwayes, That this Ordinance ſhall not extend to the Preſsing of any Maſter or Maſters-mate, Gunner, Carpenter, or Boatſwain of any Ship or veſſell that is or ſhall be in imployment.

And for the better incouragement both of Seamen and Watermen, to apply themſelves the

the more willingly to this ſervice; It is further Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That all Mariners, Saylers, and likewiſe all Watermen, who have ſerved an Apprentiſhip by the ſpace of Seven yeers in their ſaid profeſsions, or that are Servants and Apprentices by Indenture to any ſuch Watermen, ſhall hereby be freed and exempt from being Preſſed to ſerve as Souldiers in any land Service; Except in caſe of extreme neceſsity, and that with the conſent and privity of the Lord high Admirall of *England*, or by expreſſe Order of both Houſes of Parliament.

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